

“Man, is it time for lunch?” I say, sweating under the heavy spacesuit.

“Jack, our lunch was hours ago,” says Bongo, “It’s dinner you’re wanting.”

**WHAM! WHAM! WHAM!** Goes the sound of my pickaxe, swinging into the moon stone. Suddenly, I spot a shiny piece of... something. Upon further investigation, I continue to unearth the piece of metal. *I haven’t seen this stuff before..* I think wonderingly.

“Hey, you know what this is?” I ask, pointing.

Bongo replies, “Nope.”

I roll my eyes. **DINK! DINK! CRACK!** *This stuff is thick!* I think, annoyed.

“What the- Bongo, this is gigantic!” I say staring at the ore. It was a silvery thing, glinting brightly. About the size of a door, it looked amazing.

“Let me take a sample,” I say.

I grab up a piece and space walk over to the rover. Igniting the engine, I wave goodbye. Scooting along the lunar surface I reach the lab.

I hesitate before opening the airlock. *Is this even special?* I wonder nervously. Releasing the airlock, I step into the laboratory. It’s a strange place, full of expensive equipment.

“What brings you here, Jack?” asks the lead scientist Jacob.

I respond, “I have an ore.”

“Mmm. Give it to me,” He says. He sets it on the table and examines it.

“This.. This is palladium. It is a material used in electronics. We’ve been running out of palladium for years now!” Jacob exclaims.

“Can you show me where you got it?” He asks

“Follow me.”